

S.L.C.C. JOURNAL

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The Newsletter of the San Leandro Computer Club for Atari® Microcomputers

From The Editor's Desk

RON SEYMOUR AND TOM BENNETT

It looks like we did not quite make it. This is not the SPECIAL EDITION, but only club news edition of the June SLCC JOURNAL. We had hoped to have the SPECIAL EDITION to you in time for this mailing, but you know how things go.

You WILL get the SPECIAL EDITION in June though. Nate Hood should have the floppies that go with the JOURNAL available at the upcoming meeting.

As a preview, the SPECIAL EDITION is jammed with great articles and programs. The cover program is a fast Blackjack game written in ACTION! by our own Frank Daniel. Stargunner, also written in ACTION! by Alex Leavens, will make you put all of your "Defender" type games away. It is complete with great action, sound and music. Then there is Master Pencil, a superb drawing program done by Joe Eash. Jerry White will show you how to get 16-Bit sound out of your trusty 8 bit Atari. Bill Wilkinson will announce a new product that is supposed to make our 130XE owner's mouth water. And we have imported some high quality articles from new SLCC member Makoto Nagata, who is also a member of the Fuji Atari Computer Users' Group of Japan. Michael Curry will show you what VTOC is. What is a Flitterbug? Only Jim Warren can show you in ACTION!

There is much, much more. We hope you are as anxious as we are in getting the JUNE SPECIAL EDITION.

Now you may have also noticed that this month's JOURNAL has a new type style that we hope is more legible. This is the result of our new NEC Spinwriter 5500 purchased from our Assembly course instructor, Chris Crawford. We think this is a major improvement to the newsletter, and we thank you for approving this purchase. [A side note: this is the printer that De Re Atari was printed on, so it even has a little bit of historical value!]

Our next meeting will feature the election of our club officers. We had a well rounded nomination session last meeting that produced a strong set of candidates. Below are the nominations [by position and in alphabetical order]:

FOR PRESIDENT:

BOB BARTON - current Vice-President,
former President
RON SEYMOUR - Editor of the SLCC JOURNAL

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

JIM HOOD - current Treasurer
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MIKE SAWLEY - Sysop of the Key System, the
club BBS

FOR SECRETARY:

DAN CHUN - Tape Librarian
FRANK DANIEL - Assembly SIG Chairperson
RON SEYMOUR - Editor of the SLCC JOURNAL

FOR TREASURER:

LOIS HANSEN - Logo SIG Chairperson
JIM HOOD - current Treasurer
RICHARD SCOTT - Program Chairman

This year again we have a quite impressive group of nominees. And we will be taking final nominations before the election for write-in. So if you have others you would like to nominate, please do so. It is a tribute to the club that we have had this many people accept nominations for these positions.

Dick Scott has been doing a fine job in recruiting guest speakers for the club. And he is now promising Mr. Bill Holt of Broderbund Software to make a visit to us in July. We should be getting a demonstration of Printshop [on an Atari this time, we hope...last time Broderbund tried to show us this excellent program on an Apple IIC...boo, hiss] along with their other recently developed programs.

If you want to see someone or some company in particular to guest speak at the SLCC general meeting, give Dick a call. [We want to remind Dick that Sam Tramiel said that he would be willing to come speak to us since his other brothers made their way up here already.]

There is a little tapped resource available through the club that many do not know about. This is the newsletter exchange with other ACE clubs. We have a wealth of information available in the form of newsletters from across the world [yes the world]. We currently exchange with clubs in Canada, England, Australia and West Germany. We will be announcing shortly how you can access this information.

The user group 520 ST program is finally being developed. Apparently the ST has passed FCC approval, and some sources say that they have already been received and are waiting for drives and monitors. We will be taking a sign up of seriously interested buyers only next meeting so that we can give Atari a round figure of how many systems we would like to purchase. The preliminary deal is \$799.00 for each system that includes 520 ST, monitor and 1/2 MEG drive. And for every 10 machines we order, we will receive one system free. We will then be able to discount all 11 machines by the cost of the 11th machine. This works out to about a 9% discount. Again this is a preliminary program that is subject to further discussion at Atari.

Sig Hartmann said that these systems will be available only in computer specialty stores, and not the K-Mart's. This is news to us, since they originally said that the mass merchandisers will be the major distribution source.

As a result of our group purchase of Atari MacroAssemblers for the Crawford Assembly class, we have 6 or 7 left for non-class members. They will be available for \$15.00 each at the main meeting. We will also have available copies of the new version "DDT" - Dunion's Debugging Tool for \$7.00 for Assembly class members. This is an improved version of the debugging program that Chris Crawford highly recommended.

For those of you that are missing our 6502 course, it will be serialized on Compuserve's Antic On-Line service by Chris Crawford. We hope to reprint it here, although it will never really substitute for the quality instruction by Chris in action.

Creative Computing's David Small, our guest speaker in April, wrote a nice review of club member Alex Leaven's Wombats recently. Congratulations Alex.

April's other guest speaker, Kirt Stockwell of MPP, also wrote a very complimentary article about our club and our participation in the West Coast Computer Faire that has been published in ACE of Eugene's newsletter, and reprinted all over. Thanks, Kirt.

Analog magazine's Art Leyenberger also wrote some nice things about us on Compuserve. Thanks, Art.

In our coverage of the West Coast Computer Faire last month, we forgot to thank Chuck Hall and his lovely wife of the Portland Atari club (Hi Chuck) for assisting us in the booth on the last day. We really appreciated your help.

And do you all remember a fellow by the name of Trey...uh, Trey..P-i-t-r-u-z-e-l-o? Ah yes, well we have got wind that he is being recruited by Atari Anonymous, the users' group of Upland, CA through Pete Preschern and his wife! He even made it in their newsletter [that also included pictures of our booth at the WCCF]. We knew you couldn't stay away from it too long, Trey. It seems like you have chosen a good club down there!

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S.L.C.C. Interface

The SLCC Interface is our monthly 'input-output' column in which you may make a short comment on club related issues, or buy-sell an item. This is not available to commercial outlets.

Also you may ask those technical questions and get them answered. All technical questions may be addressed to Frank Daniel at 632-7181. Basic language questions can be addressed to Mike Sawley at 482-5061.

**** FOR SALE ****

I have sold my software...now I would like to sell my 800, 830, 810, and 850. Best offer. I also have a suitable computer table on wheels. Call Cyndi at 521-9979

**** FOR SALE ****

I am interested in selling the following system as a "package":
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equipment is in excellent condition and I would be happy to have any potential buyer give it a hands-on "test drive". Call James Kafka at (415) 676-9265 (Concord).

*** 520 ST PURCHASE ***

Atari has finally put together a preliminary plan for user's groups to buy the first 2000 520 ST's to be sold. The current plan is for about \$75.00 off the \$799.00 system price that includes the 520 ST, 1/2 MEG mini-floppy, and a monochrome monitor. We must order the systems in multiples of 11 units in order to get the maximum discount. Sig Hartmann told me that this system will not be available in the K-Marts of the world, but only in the Computer specialty stores. If you are sure that you would be willing to make the above purchase within the next few weeks, please sign-up with Bob Barton at the next meeting. Only members really serious on this purchase need sign-up.....Tom Bennett.

*** JUNE SPECIAL EDITION ***

Although you probably will not receive the Special Edition Journal before the main meeting, you WILL receive it in June. Nate Hood should have the disks that go with the Journal ready for the meeting. It will be a two or three disk package full of great programs that many of you have never seen before and that will make their public domain premier through the SLCC. WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES FOR THE SLCC SPECIAL EDITION JOURNAL!!

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June 4 8:00 pm
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8:00: General meeting

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